

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 19-23 and 25-29 have been cancelled and claims 31-38 are new. Claims 31-38 are pending.

In the Advisory Action mailed August 21, 2000, the Office failed to respond to Applicant's arguments that Yang does not provide an "enabling" disclosure sufficient for properly rejecting the claims. Nonetheless, Applicant has cancelled claims 19-23 and 25-29 and has rewritten them in a form which will expedite the prosecution and clarify the issues at hand. The newly presented claims do not add new matter and they are not anticipated nor obvious in view of the art of record.

Should the Office choose to use Yang in a subsequent Office Action, Applicant respectfully refers the Office to the Supplemental Reply dated July 24, 2000, in which arguments were presented regarding the insufficiencies of Yang.

New claim 31 recites, *inter alia*:

ranking the plurality of gateways based on the trace route of each of said plurality of gateways;

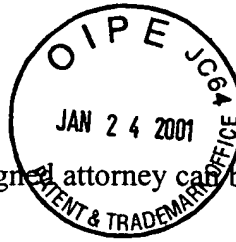
translating an identifier of a destination of the call from a listing of telephone numbers and associated internet protocol addresses in the directory service;

selecting a gateway with a highest ranking from said plurality of gateways; and

attempting to route the call over the selected gateway.

Neither Yang, Kubler, nor the other art of record teaches or suggests all of the features recited in the above claims. Accordingly, claims 31-38 are allowable and notice of same is respectfully solicited.

In the event there are any issues left unresolved by this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to schedule a personal interview prior to the



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issuance of another Office Action. The undersigned attorney can be reached at the number listed below.

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